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## WARNS AGAINST ENTERING INDIAN LANDS TO SEARCH FOR MINERALS

San Carlos, Ariz., July 29.—John Terrell inspector in charge of the San Carlos agency said today that by reason of an act by congress in effecting up unallotted lands within Indian reservation within a number of the western and northwestern states, including Arizona, heretofore withdrawn from entry under the mining laws to prospectors, it seems there is a disposition on the part of some to become unduly alarmed and excited, learning that several people have been upon the San Carlos Indian reservation and that likely others are to follow, with the view of prospecting for supposed rich mineral deposits, he announces that such persons entering this reservation for purpose of in any way prospecting prior to the adoption of rules and regulations by the secretary of the interior for the proper protection of the interest of the Indians and for purpose of carrying the provisions of the mineral act into full force and effect, are trespassers, and will have be accordingly dealt with.

In this connection the public is advised that he is just in receipt of the following telegram from the commissioner of Indian affairs, Washington. Do not permit prospectors to come reservation until after regulations have been prepared and reservation opened to exploration and lease."

By reference to sections 2147 and 2148, federal statutes, the following language will be observed:

Sec. 2147.—The superintendent of Indian affairs, and the Indian agents and sub-agents shall have authority to remove from the Indian country all persons found therein contrary to the act, and the president is authorized to direct the military force to be employed in such removal.

Sec. 2148.—If any person who has been removed from the Indian country shall thereafter at any time re-enter the same, or be found within the Indian country he shall be liable to a penalty of one thousand dollars.

It is not improbable but that those who enter this reservation prior to being legally opened to exploration and lease, will in addition to trespassing, prejudice their rights for future operations under the mineral act.

## 2,000 IN MINE TAXES AVAILABLE TO STATE NOW

Phoenix, July 28.—The sum of \$2,000 or thereabouts which has been held by the county treasurer of Pinal county pending a settlement of the Inspiration and International alter tax suits will now be available to the state, and many funds which have been languishing will come into cash needed real money. State school funds have been most seriously affected.

The last day for the filing of a motion for rehearing having expired without action on the part of the defendant companies, the supreme court yesterday returned its mandate to the lower court. This mandate reversed the order of Judge Shute and upholds the tax officials of Gila county and the state tax commission.

Judge Shute ordered a \$20,000,000 reduction in the assessed valuation of the properties. An appeal was taken by Gila county and the state tax commission. The matter argued in supreme court.

The full amount of the taxes were paid under protest by the companies. The taxes have been held by the county treasurer. Recently State Treasurer is demanded that this money be turned over to the state. He contended that the state should hold draw interest on it rather than the county, notwithstanding the fact that the case had not been fully adjudicated.

## NEW SHIPS RESTORED TO COMMERCIAL SERVICE

Washington, D. C.—From December 7, 1917, the War Department received from the United States Shipping Board 2,774,000 tons of shipping, left in the army service, 1,121,000 tons of weight tons of troop ships, 71,000 tons of converted cargo ships, and 90 tons of refrigerator ships. It is estimated that this shipping was sent to return 232,000 troops overseas during July.

As fast as they are returned to the shipping board, these vessels are placed in the merchant service.

## RELIEF PROMISED FORMINECLAIMANTS

Recorder Callicotte is in Receipt of a Letter From Senator Ashurst Regarding Annual Assessment Work.

Recorder L. N. Callicotte has interested himself in the matter of securing for mine claimants an exemption from annual assessment work on their claims for the year 1919.

Several weeks ago Recorder Callicotte addressed a letter to Senator Henry F. Ashurst on this subject and under date of July 11th, was in receipt of the following reply:

July 11th, 1919.  
Mr. L. N. Callicotte,  
Clifton, Arizona

Dear Sir and Friend:—  
Referring to your letter of the 5th inst in which you point out the necessity for legislation suspending assessment work on unpatented mining claims for the present year. I laid this subject before the Secretary of Interior and requested his immediate attention and consideration of same. I herewith hand you H. J. Res 57, covering this matter.

With esteem,  
Cordially yours,  
HENRY ASHURST

The resolution referred to by Senator Ashurst was introduced by Representative Hawley on May 23rd, 1919 and is known as House Joint Resolution No. 57. At the time of the present writing, however, no information has been received that the Joint resolution has passed both houses.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 57.  
In the House of Representatives, May 23, 1919 Mr. Hawley introduced the following resolution: which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

## JOINT RESOLUTION

To suspend the requirements of annual assessment work on mining claims during the year 1919.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the provision of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States which requires on each mining claim located, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than \$100 worth of labor to be performed or improvements to be made during each year, be, and the same is hereby suspended during the year 1919: Provided, That every claimant of any such mining claim in order to obtain the benefits of this resolution shall file or cause to be filed in the office where the location notice or certificate is recorded, on or before December 31, 1919, a notice of his desire to hold said mining claim under this resolution: Provided further, that this resolution shall not apply to oil placer locations or claims.

This resolution shall not be deemed to amend or repeal the public resolution entitled "Joint resolution to relieve the owners of mining claims who have been mustered into the military or naval service of the United States as officers or enlisted men from performing assessment work during the term of such service," approved July 17, 1917.

Need Glasses? Weak or failing eyes, headaches, nervousness, etc., positively relieved by glasses. See Dr. Schell of Tucson on his regular visit next week. At Morenci Hotel next Monday and Tuesday, (4th and 5th).

Clifton Hotel on Wednesday and Thursday, and at Simpson Hotel, Duncan on Friday. Special attention to children's eyes.

## Ship Deliveries

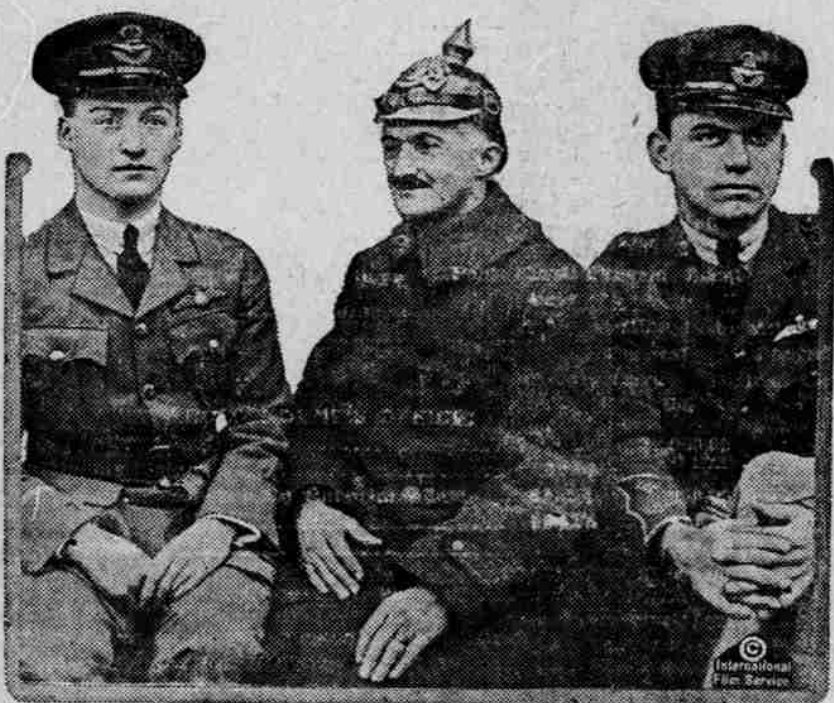
Washington D. C.—Ship deliveries during June totaled 118 vessels of 578,583 tons, an increase of 106 per cent over June, 1918. A Shipping Board report shows. Ships launched during the same month numbered 97, with a dead weight tonnage of 504,200 an increase of 111 per cent over June 1918.

After an absence of two years, four teen months of which was spent overseas, Mrs. Ross Smith, one of the first contingent to leave Clifton for the war, arrived home today and is glad to again greet his friends of old.

F. B. Laine judge of the superior court of Greenlee county departed for the coast Thursday morning. He will join Mrs. Laine at San Francisco, where she has been the past several weeks on a visit to her mother.

Richard Coleman and A. L. Terry returned home last Saturday evening from the Grand Canyon, where they had been attending the State Tax Conference.

## BARRED FROM THEIR NATIVE SHORE



Three officers of the British air service, but Americans by birth, have been barred from landing on their native shore by a peculiar ruling. Lieut. Edward Ruffles of Brooklyn, Lieut. R. R. Knapp of Brooklyn and Lieut. W. L. Haight of Chicago arrived at Boston on the transport Melita. Because of a ruling which bars all but returning American troops from landing, the three Americans must return to their starting point at Brest.

## MEXICAN-AMERICAN ARMIES MAKE PACT GO OUT ON STRIKE

Brigadier General Smedberg in Command of Arizona Military District, and Other Officers confer with General Calles, Military Governor of Sonora and Perfect a Pact To Prevent further Trouble along Border.

Douglas, Ariz., July 28.—Complete understanding was reached today upon details of a plan whereby the officers of the United States army in Arizona and those of the Mexican Federal army in Sonora, will co-operate to prevent trouble along the Arizona-Sonora border. This was the outcome of a conference held in Agua Prieta, this afternoon between Brigadier General W. R. Smedberg, commanding the Arizona military district and General P. Elias Calles, governor of Sonora and secretary of commerce and industry in the Carranza cabinet. The conference was attended by Colonel W. O. Johnson, commanding Camp Harry J. Jones near here; Captain F. D. Wright of the army intelligence department and W. D. King, a Douglas attorney, who acted as interpreter for the conference.

The United States army officers crossed from Douglas in an automobile, and upon arriving at Agua Prieta were received with full military honors, the garrison being drawn up in parade formation. A guard of honor escorted them from the boundary to the headquarters of General Calles, who, dressed in the uniform of his army rank, awaited the American officers. He was attended by Lieutenant Colonel Rafael Buelna and other officers.

Following introductions the conference discussed recent incidents out of which friction had arisen in the border district, particularly in the vicinity of Nogales, Ariz. General Calles stated that he had strengthened the border guard in that vicinity and could guarantee that there would be no repetition of the alleged thefts of livestock which had caused misunderstanding and friction in the past.

A program of co-operative efforts on the part of American and Mexican army officers was discussed and adopted, promising to eliminate such points of friction as have existed.

General Smedberg, following his return to Douglas, expressed satisfaction over the result of the conference, the result of which he will communicate to headquarters of the southern district, U. S. A. for transmission to the war department in Washington.

General Smedberg's visit was authorized by special orders issued several weeks ago by the war department. The government of the United States, he said, was anxious to assure the Mexican people through their officials that the American people had a friendly feeling for them and desired to maintain friendly relations.

This sentiment expressed by General Smedberg to General Calles drew from him similar protestations of friendship on the part of Mexico for Americans.

## ABALTONI BIGUE SENT TO ARIZONA PRISON FOR LIFE

No. 1 of Two Brothers Found Guilty of the Murder of Charles Hubbell.

Phoenix, Ariz. July 28.—Abaltoni Bigue No. 1, one of the brothers of that name, accused of the murder of Charles Hubbell at his Indian trading post on the Navajo Indian reservation some months ago was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment in superior court here today. Bigue must serve his sentence in the Florence state prison.

Abaltoni Bigue No. 2, the other brother will be placed on trial here next Monday.

The two Indians were captured by an Indian policeman after a chase of many miles across some of the roughest and most difficult country in the southeast. Hubbell was a brother of J. Lorenzo Hubbell, for many years Republican state committeeman for Arizona. According to the story told by the Indians, they got into an altercation with Hubbell when a dog belonging to him attacked them. His trading post was burned after the killing.

Auto Struck By Lightning  
A C & W service car was hit by lightning last Monday evening on Shannon Hill. The top of the car was completely demolished but luckily the occupants escaped without injury. The damage to the car amounted to \$125.

## CHAMP CLARK SCORES HOUSE REPUBLICANS

Declares Republican Party is Reducing Self to a "Concentrated Growl"

Washington, D. C.—Aptly referring to the Republican party as a "concentrated growl," Champ Clark, Democratic leader, flayed the carping critics of President Wilson in a spirited speech in the House of Representatives during a debate over the veto of the Sundry Civil appropriation bill because of the inadequate amount apportioned for the vocational training of disabled American soldiers. It was noticeable that the remainder of the debate was barren of presidential criticism; more over, the appropriation for the soldiers was raised from six to fourteen million dollars through Democratic insistence.

"I have not always agreed with President Wilson," said Mr. Clark, "and I never do agree with everything that any man who ever lived does, and never will. When I have differed with him I have come out into the open and fought like a man, taking all the slander, lies and filth which editors, hoping for some reward, could heap on me. I have not siddled in and out as the gentlemen from Wyoming (Mondell), Republican floor leader and his followers are doing.

"Certainly the great Republican party does not propose to reduce itself simply to a concentrated growl? But that is exactly what you are doing. The whole speech of the gentleman from Wyoming was nothing but a growl and he is getting to be the greatest growler on the American continent, bar none.

"Anybody can find fault. That is one of the easiest performances known among men. Any plug can go out with an ordinary telescope and find spots on the sun. They are there; they have always been and always will be; but notwithstanding the spots the sun continues to warm and light and fructify the world. You can talk all you please about the spots on the president of the United States, but notwithstanding, the fact stands forth that by the verdict of the civilized world he is the foremost man in all the world. He needs no eulogy. As Daniel Webster said about Massachusetts, 'There she stands and you can judge for yourselves' and there is not a man in the House who has any respect for his own reputation, both for intelligence and veracity, not a single one, who will deny that by the universal suffrage of America he stands at the top of the heap."

## Heaviest Rain of Season

The heaviest rain of the season fell in Clifton and vicinity on Friday night accompanied in the beginning by a heavy wind storm. Streets in Hill's Addition were flooded. Small damage was done to yards and cess pools in that locality. Between Clifton and Duncan the county highway was washed out in several places and the passenger train had not yet departed from Clifton on Saturday noon.

## Judge McAllister Coming.

A. G. McAllister, Judge of the Superior Court of Graham county will preside over the Superior Court of Greenlee County on Monday the 4th day of August when he will hear several probate and civil matters, Judge Frank B. Laine being absent on his annual vacation to beach towns in California.

## Back From Tax Conference.

A. L. Terry, Clerk and P. V. A. Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors returned to Clifton last Saturday after having spent a week at the Grand Canyon, where the annual tax conference was in session.

## County Attorney Returns

R. J. Coleman, County Assessor, returned on last Monday evening after having spent several days at the state tax conference at the Grand Canyon. On his way back he stopped off a few days at Las Cruces, New Mexico where his daughter, Katherine is attending school.

## The Sand Storm Jazz Band of Deming

furnished dance music at the Princess last Friday evening. Several automobile parties from Morenci, Metcalf and Duncan motored to Clifton to trip the light fantastic.

## Pete Riley will leave for San Diego

August 1st where he expects to see the big fleet arrive from its trip through the Panama canal to the Pacific coast. Pete will join his family at Long Beach where they are spending the summer.

## ROAD COMMISSION UNABLE TO SECURE RIGHT OF WAY

Caving System in Use By Mining Companies On Mining Claims Between Metcalf and Morenci Causes Commission To Abandon First Route Proposed.

The county highway commission, composed of Sam Abraham, Minor Shims, W. T. Witt, W. C. Crauford and Paul Becker, were in session at the county seat on Monday last and later adjourned to Morenci where a conference was held between the Commission and Capt. J. P. Hodgson of the Phelps Dodge corporation, and Norman Carmichael of the A. C. Co., Ltd. The subject under discussion was the building of the highway connecting Metcalf and Morenci which was one of the projects adopted by the Commission for this county under the recent bond issue.

As a result of correspondence and a discussion of the proposed route adopted by the commission, the present plan for the construction of the Metcalf-Morenci highway has been abandoned because the mining companies were unable to grant right of way across certain mining claims situated between the two towns for the reason that the caving system employed would, in a short time, render the highway impassable.

Upon learning that a right of way could not be secured over the route decided upon the Commission has under consideration another route that has been proposed which would form a connecting link between the two towns, and shorten the present distance approximately five miles, but no official action has as yet been taken.

Press dispatches from Denver this week announce that the district agent of the Department of Good Roads located at Denver, had approved the Clifton Franklin highway as a designated route to receive federal aid. Approximately seventy two thousand dollars has been appropriated by the federal government for this project. As soon as this sum is available, which should be some time during the present month, work on the construction of the road leading out of Clifton via Wards Canyon, will be started, and the entire road between Clifton and Franklin improved.

## Lieut. Bryan Killed

An Associated Press Dispatch from Houston, Texas, under date of July 27th announces the death by accident of Lieutenant Francis M. Bryan, of Morenci, who was killed at Ellington field in company with WHI Phoenix of Holland, Texas, Bryan was engaged in making a practice flight when the plane became unmanageable and fell to the ground. Lieut. Bryan was well known in Morenci and Clifton and it is reported that he was engaged to be married to Miss Nettie Nardelli of this city.

## Keppler vs. Keppler Divorce

Mrs. Vallie Keppler was this week granted a decree of divorce from Frank Keppler on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. Dave W. Ling represented the plaintiff.

## Visiting Attorney from Superior.

George A. Stovall, a prominent attorney from Superior, Arizona, was a visitor at the court house on Tuesday where he had legal business. Mr. Stovall stated that he was very much impressed with the opportunities afforded in Clifton and may decide to locate here in the near future.

## STOCK AND RANGES ARE BETTER THAN FOR MANY YEARS

Phoenix Ariz., July 28.—Indications are that the stock and ranges of Arizona and western New Mexico are in better condition at this season than in years past, according to the weekly report of the weather bureau issued today.

Moderate to heavy rains throughout the range sections of Arizona have had a very beneficial effect.

The report adds:

"It will be noted that such conditions prevail in even the extreme portions of the grazing area. Seligman in the west and Nogales and Douglas in the south report both range and stock in good condition. The precipitations at Grand Canyon for the week was over four inches. Range and stock in that vicinity are reported as being good. The inference from reports of correspondents is that the condition of both stock and ranges at this season is better than in years past."